

Meeting Summary

Delta Nutrient Objectives
Initial Stakeholder Process Planning Meeting
Central Valley Regional Water Board Office
June 17, 2014 from 1:30 to 3:15 PM

Below is a summary of the main points discussed during the June 17, 2014 Initial Stakeholder Process Planning Meeting. The discussion covered the topics described in the Agenda. The meeting attendee list and agenda are attached to the end of this summary.

Main Discussion Points:

- The group agreed to help form a Nutrient Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) but wanted to coordinate/join their meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to minimize the total number of meetings attended and the facilitation services required. Many SAG members plan on participating on the TAC. The group discussed the advantages of starting with a single group, with the flexibility to spin off a second group or subgroups as the need arises. The group also discussed the ongoing nutrient policy processes by the State Water Resources Control Board (on inland surface waters) and the San Francisco Bay Regional Board (on San Francisco Bay) as good examples of a process to be emulated in the Delta nutrient process.
- The group agreed that there was a need for a governance document that would lay out the goals and objectives of the SAG along with their roles and responsibilities. Tom Grovhoug agreed to take the lead on formulating a straw version of a governance charter. The charter will be discussed at the next SAG organizational meeting. A goal for the process that was discussed was to develop science and policy that would result in effective nutrient management in the Delta for the protection of beneficial uses.
- Regarding the overall process, the group pointed to the success of the Drinking Water Policy effort as a stakeholder-based approach, led by Regional Board staff, which produced good results. Members of the group noted that an immediate challenge was to bring stakeholders up to speed on the process that has already been initiated by the Regional Board. Chris agreed to provide the information discussed at the first TAC meeting to the members of the group to assist in that area and encourage their input on the available white paper outlines.
- The present list of potential nutrient related impairments comes from Chapter 6 of the Delta Plan. The group was uncomfortable that the present list did not cover all the nutrient-related concerns that have been identified in the Delta. The group recommended that a comprehensive list of nutrient-related concerns be developed for ultimate evaluation in the Delta nutrient objectives process. Chris Foe agreed to start an expanded list and will circulate for comment before the next meeting.
- The group agreed that both the TAC and SAG needed additional stakeholder representation. Chris Foe agreed to circulate an expanded list of potential stakeholders before the next meeting and requested that the group review and add to it.

- The group felt that there was an appearance of a conflict of interest with a representative from the State and Federal Water Contractors facilitating TAC meetings. The State and Federal Water Contractors have been strong proponents for nutrient control in the Delta. It was agreed that other options for facilitation should be explored. Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District volunteered to help fund a facilitator for future TAC/SAG meetings after a governance charter was adopted.
- Pamela Creedon has requested that a Fact Sheet be developed that she can use for soliciting funds at the State Water Board and other sources. The group expressed interest in helping to develop and review the document and support the effort to find additional funding for the Delta Nutrient effort.
- It was agreed that another meeting of the group should be convened. Chris will send out a notice to the group regarding a future meeting date.
- The meeting concluded at 3:15 PM.

Attachments:



Meeting Attendee
List



June 17 Agenda